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Vice President & General Manager
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Sly Cotton joined Jacobs in July 2020 and leads the Joint Performance Unit within the Cyber & Intelligence Business Unit. He is primarily responsible for the successful execution of all Joint PU programs which includes strategy development of cyber operations, data analytics/artificial intelligence, and elite cyber training within the defense services & agencies, combatant command, and the various service's research labs.

Sly is a seasoned leader with excess of 30 years leading and managing large and diverse DoD and Army Cyber organizations. As a career Army officer, he held several key command and staff positions culminating with leading the transition of the Signal Center of Excellence to become the Cyber Center of Excellence. Sly has held key positions in industry at Unisys Corporation, Engility/SAIC, and CALIBRE Systems.

Prior to retirement from the Army, Sly served as the Director, Capabilities Development and Integration Directorate at Fort Gordon, GA. In this role, he personally spearheaded the effort to incorporate Electronic Warfare (EW) into Cyberspace Operations. He is a proven leader in translating complex and disparate enterprise requirements into innovative and highly effective business solutions. He has a proven record of creating and leading high-performance teams to recognize and deliver business opportunities to sustain organizational growth.

Sly holds a Master of Arts degree in Information Systems Management from Webster University, Master of Arts degree in Strategic Studies from the US Army War College and a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Alcorn State University. He is a credentialed Project Management Professional (PMP) and a certified ITIL Service Manager.